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Joseph J. Resta  
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Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission  
2492 River Road  
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Dear Mr. Resta:

We are writing to express our concern regarding the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission's (DRJTBC) current tolling plan that is part of the Scudder Falls Bridge Replacement Project scheduled for completion in 2021. Recently, several of our constituents brought to our attention that ONLY NJ E-ZPass transponder-equipped vehicles will receive an additional Commuter Discount of 40% when making a minimum of 16 tolled trips across the Scudder Falls Bridge or other DRJTBC toll bridges within a calendar month. Currently, PA E-ZPass holders will not receive this discount.

In order to help resolve this issue for our Pennsylvania E-ZPass customers, Representative Thomas contacted members of your staff at the DRJTBC. In speaking with them, they confirmed that ONLY "home" state E-ZPass holders will receive this discount. This will mean Pennsylvania residents who already own a Pennsylvania Transponder would need to obtain a second transponder in order to receive the commuter discount. This seems to us to be both unnecessary and inconvenient.

The toll on the new bridge, while reasonable and necessary, will be a major impact on local commuters and our constituents that will utilize the new bridge. It is our understanding, that the bridge will utilize both a cashless photo toll and traditional E-ZPass transponders. Vehicles with either NJ or PA E-ZPass transponders will pay lower rates than drivers without E-ZPass. Non E-ZPass drivers will be billed to the vehicle's registered owner at the regular rate through the mail. This occurs as a result of video capture when crossing the bridge without a transponder. New Jersey E-ZPass drivers will automatically receive a commuter discount.

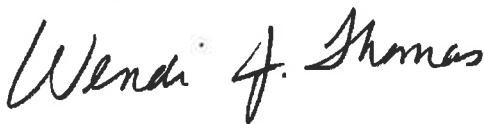
We strongly encourage you to provide Pennsylvania E-ZPass customers the same commuter discount.

We acknowledge and appreciate that this project contains several elements to improve traffic and relieve congestion including bridge replacement, roadway improvements to I-95 and I-295, interchange improvements, the installation of noise-abatement walls, a path for pedestrians and bicycles and cashless tolling. We commend you for your efforts to improve our local infrastructure and look forward to working with you to resolve this issue for our constituents.

I, Wendi, have contacted State Representative Gene DiGirolamo whose constituents are also impacted as many commute to New Jersey. He joins me in signing this letter to request a resolution. We have also contacted County Commissioner Rob Loughery to inform him of this situation and he has pledged his full support to find a resolution.

We would like to thank you in advance for your consideration of our concerns and any efforts you take to find a logical and equitable solution for Pennsylvania residents. Please know that we are available to meet or to discuss this issue with you in greater detail if necessary.

Sincerely,



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State Representative  
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